The Watergate Frightwash 9/13/72 HW to Js, HR

The caption is not one of my multitudinous typos.

We've had a warm day, I mowed some grass, which gave me a bit of thinking time, then I sat and listened to the radio while I cooled enough to take a swim in the cold water. In the few minutes before the TV news goes on, what occured me me and I have come to think.

There is a vast difference between saying you are going to file a suit and will include libel and actually filing it. The statement, perhaps good politics, if the Republicans had though it through, should have had some formulation like after the election, when it can't interfere with the elction. All varieties of sanctimony are readily available fo the political phrasemongers. This way they could get some safe mileage on it. At least they could reduce the unhappiness of their persuaded who are not content with crookedness. They'd thus have a crack at some, if not the best, of two worlds.

That they did not do this suggests they might be a bit uptight, too worried to think clearly. In turn this suggests worse than has broken the scabs.

That they have actually filed the suit, and done it in such haste, suggests more than mere irrationality. More, perhaps, than great fear. Desparation.

It is a great boon to the Democrats, who need only wait until after Judge Ritchie's decision on Wednesday. By then they can have two things completed:

A motion for immediate trial on the Republican suit;

A suit for malicious misuse of the courts.

The Republican's can't win either. The second might have little chance for hearing before the election, but where the hell with they be is they oppose the first? How can they serious make the claims they have made in court and not be ready to prove them <u>before</u> they make them? If as they do they allege damage, $2,500,000 worth, how can they allege damage seriously and simultaneously defer legal opportunity for restitution?

If the Democrats have the imagination and the courage, this gives them an incredible opportunity. If they believe they are really as far behind as the polls say they are, they can go to court and demnd that the election be postponed - and unheard of thing - until the Republican claim and their own are adjudicated, alleging that either interferes with the electoral process and makes a fair and honest election impossible.

Would not that fat sizzle on that fire!

Because they can't lose in court, they could win an election they might otherwise lose.

All of this tells me the real inside is much worse than we've suspected. It has to go higher than Stans. You and I have thought John the Mitch is involved. I'd be not at all unwilling to include Nixon, if only in gleeful assent. From his past he is capable of dreaming it up, but that would leave a chain of direction, and I doubt he'd do that save through the big Mitch (typo). Those reactionaries and their fuzzy thinking could have been persuaded that the zanies of their politics, like the spooks Liddy, Hunt and McCord, could really pull it off. Particularly after the first expedition succeeded. That success, in fact, may have been by punks and may have inspired the real deal that was detected only by accident and stupidity.

Bearing on this possibility are the stories HR sent. With all that money in his hands, why did Barker have to ask an ok on the expenditure of an extra $75.00, more or less. He had $119,000 to draw against? Simultaneously, this says that Barker was not a wheeel in the deal and it suggests that with Hunt having then, about, gone to Florida, he might have been. If not, I doubt Barker would have spent the money for a daytime long-distance call for an ok on a minor expenditure. And if you know Cubans, they'd not think of finding out in advance the size print desired. That is, the revanchists. And the spooks would have assumed 8x10s.

But what kind of spookery doesn't have its own trusted photographers? There must be dozens in Miami who are revanchist Cubans and Barker could have trusted. I think he picked Rich as I've suggested earlier, because he knew and trusted the clerk, Jenaro Perez. (File here on Jose Perez only.) This suggests to me that neither Liddy nor McCord were involved in Miami then and it is consistent with Hunt, his CIA flair and his trust of Barker based on prior association in other endeavors.

With the gumption, the Democrats have a real gift from the intending-otherwise GOPs.